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may exercise any of its rights or remedies under the HAP contract, including abatement of housing assistance payments (even if the family continues in occupancy), termination of the HAP contract on the affected unit(s) and termination of assistance to the family in accordance with § 982.552 of this chapter.

(e) *Enforcement of HQS.* 24 CFR part 982 and this part 983 do not create any right of the family, or any party other than HUD or the HA, to require enforcement of the HQS requirement by HUD or the HA, or to assert any claim against HUD or the HA, for damages, injunction or other relief, for alleged failure to enforce the HQS.

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§ 983.205 Overcrowded and underoccupied units.

(a) 24 CFR 982.403, *Terminating HAP contract: When unit is too big or too small*, does not apply.

(b) If the HA determines that a contract unit is not decent, safe, and sanitary because of an increase in family size that causes the unit to be overcrowded or that a contract unit is larger than appropriate for the size of the family in occupancy under the HA's subsidy standards, housing assistance payments with respect to the unit may not be terminated for this reason. The owner, however, must offer the family a suitable alternative unit if one is available and the family shall be required to move. If the owner does not have available a suitable unit within the family's ability to pay the rent, the HA (if it has sufficient funding) must offer Section 8 assistance to the family or otherwise assist the family in locating other standard housing in the HA's jurisdiction within the family's ability to pay, and require the family to move to such a unit as soon as possible. The family must not be forced to move, nor shall housing assistance payments under the HAP contract be terminated for the reasons specified in this paragraph, unless the family rejects, without good reason, the offer of a unit that the HA judges to be acceptable.

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§ 983.206 Assisted tenancy and termination of tenancy.

(a) Section 982.309 of this chapter, *Term of assisted tenancy*, and § 982.310 of this chapter, *Owner termination of tenancy*, do not apply.

(b) *Term of lease.* The term of a lease, including a new lease or a lease amendment, executed by the owner and the family must be for at least one year, or the remaining term of the HAP contract if the remaining term of the HAP contract is less than one year.

(c) *Move from unit.* The family must notify the HA and the owner before the family moves out of the unit.

(d) *Termination of tenancy.* (1) Subpart A of part 247 of this title, *Eviction from Certain Subsidized and HUD-Owned Projects*, applies, except § 247.4(d) of this title.

(2) The lease may contain a provision permitting the family to terminate the lease on not more than 60 days advance written notice to the owner. In the case of a lease term for more than one year, the lease must contain a provision permitting the family to terminate the lease on such notice after the first year of the term.

(3) The owner may offer the family a new lease for execution by the family for a term beginning at any time after the first year of the term of the lease. The owner must give the family written notice of the offer at least 60 days before the proposed commencement date of the new lease term. The offer may specify a reasonable time for acceptance by the family. Failure by the family to accept the offer of a new lease in accordance with this paragraph shall be "other good cause" for termination of tenancy (under § 247.3(a)(3) of this title).

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§ 983.207 Informal review or hearing.

24 CFR 982.554 (Informal review for applicants) and 24 CFR 982.555 (Informal hearing for participants) are applicable.

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